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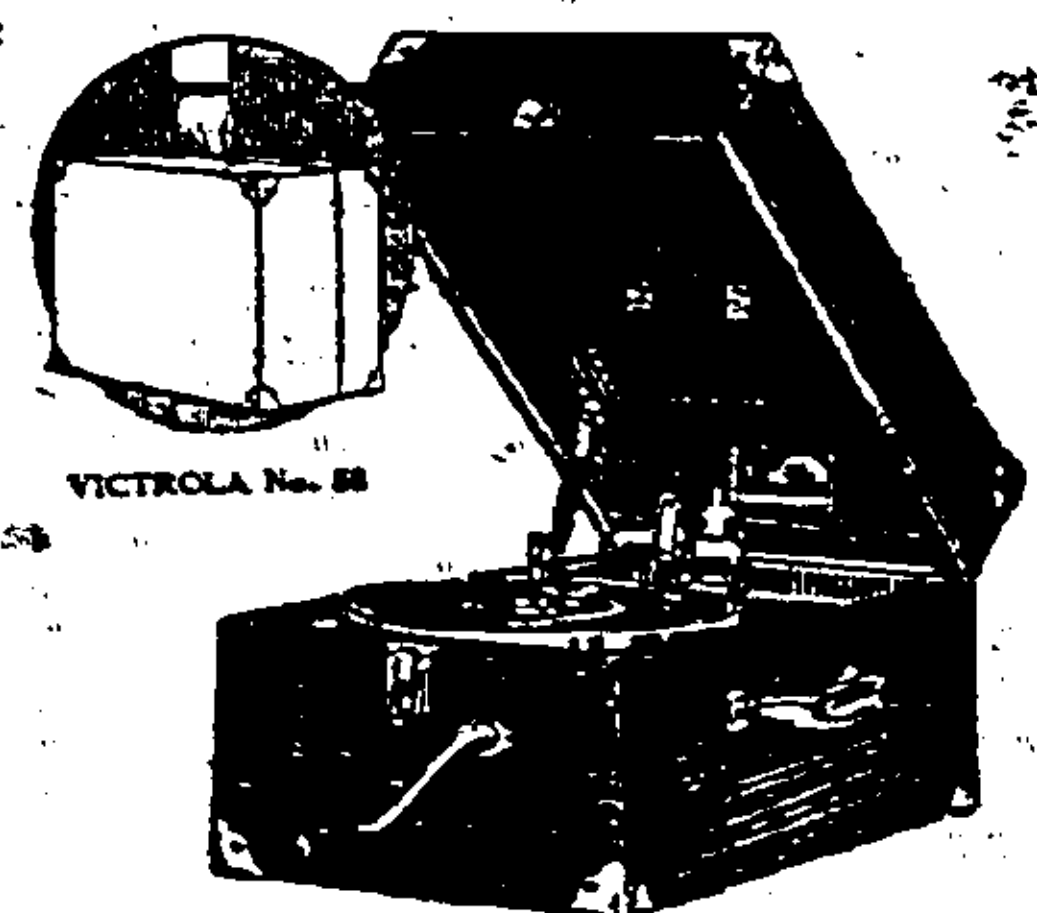
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TROUBLED IRELAND.

BRITISH TROOPS CAPTURE BELLECK.

LONDON, June 8.

A wide converging movement of land, sea and air forces ended in the British to-day capturing Belleek. A force consisting of South Staffs, Lincolns and Manchester supported by howitzers and numerous armoured cars, marched on both sides of Lough Erne, whose waters were dotted with numerous small craft of Ulster's little navy, carrying stores. Aeroplanes reconnoitring reported that the town was sparsely occupied. Very lights showed that the British were being attacked, whereupon the artillery opened fire. They captured the ancient fort which, garrisoned by regulars, commanded the town of Belleek. Afterwards they occupied the town.

PETTIGO AFFAIR A MISTAKE.

LONDON, June 8.

Liberal papers state that the military attack at Pettigo, mentioned on June 5, was due to misunderstanding. A peculiarity of the Pettigo and Belleek situation is that the former, though situated almost entirely in the Free State is inhabited by loyalists and Belleek, wholly within Ulster, is entirely Catholic.

A BLOODLESS VICTORY.

A Colonial Office communique dealing with the occupation of Belleek says that the British advanced on both sides of Lough Erne at 12.40. In view of the fire directed against the British troops when moving inside Ulster territory artillery and armoured cars were employed. The fort was occupied without opposition. The village of Belleek was also occupied. No enemy casualties were seen and no prisoners taken. One British soldier was slightly wounded. All is now quiet. The operations designed to clear the Pettigo-Belleek triangle are thus completed.

NO FURTHER FIGHTING NECESSARY.

LONDON, June 8.

Unless the troops in their present positions are attacked, they will not advance further and there is no reason for any further fighting. The intention is to withdraw the British forces within Ulster Territory as soon as they are satisfactorily assured that no repetitions of incursions and raids are likely. Communications for restoring tranquillity of this part of the frontier are now being addressed to the provisional Government.

DAIL MEETS AND ADJOURNS.

LONDON, June 8.

The Dail Eireann after a four hours sitting at Dublin at which no references were made to the situation as affected by the London conferences adjourned until June 30. In accordance with the agreed programme the new parliament assembles on July 1.

TRIAL OF VON KILLINGER.

A SOCIETY TO SUPPRESS BOLSHIEVISM.

BERLIN, June 8.

Frau Erzberger is indisposed and has been temporarily excused from giving evidence in the trial of Von Killinger who has given information regarding a secret society called the "Consul" to which he and the ex-officers Schulz and Tillesen, the two alleged abducting murderers, belonged. He declared that it aimed at preventing the spread of Bolshevism in Germany. He denied that its members contemplated forcibly overthrowing the Government or assassinating politicians, including Erzberger, who was unpopular owing to his role in the armistice and peace treaty. It is presumed that the society's funds were derived from industrial and agricultural circles.

JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

A SYDNEY NEWSPAPER'S COMMENT.

SYDNEY, June 8.

Commenting on the reported Japanese building programme the Sydney Morning Herald does not believe that Japan meditates aggression, but declares that the Empire must "constitute an adequate naval strength in these waters to protect trade routes." It thinks that the Federal Government cannot now venture to reduce the Australian fleet below the nucleus of three cruisers.

1928 OLYMPIC AT AMSTERDAM.

PARIS, June 8.

The International Olympic committee has finally decided upon Amsterdam as the venue for the 1928 games.

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ROYAL WEDDING.

BIG DOINGS IN BELGRADE.

BELGRADE, June 8.

After a romantic river journey, escorted by monitors the Royal bride (Princess Marie of Roumania) and her parents were welcomed on June 6. Crowds in picturesque Balkan costumes were massed on the heights overlooking the Danube. Uniformed troops were drawn up at the landing stage, where King Alexander, the Duke of York and other Royalties boarded and welcomed the party amid the booming of guns and whirl of aeroplanes. There was a great round of festivities yesterday in Belgrade, which never in its history has been so crowded with foreign notabilities. The events included a race meeting, displays of military horsemanship, football matches and athletics. The Royal personages received ovations everywhere.

REP BATIONS PUZZLE.

WHAT FRANCE WILL CONSIDER.

PARIS, June 8.

The *quid pro quo* which France is willing to consider for consenting to an alteration in the German indemnity payments is indicated in the newspapers as either cancellation of France's debt to the United States or twenty years' suspension of payment of the German debt without reduction of its total. It is noteworthy that Desobry the Belgian delegate on the Reparations Commission is also chairman of the Bankers' Committee.

THE BRITISH FAMINE HAS BEGUN.

SERIOUS SITUATION IN COALFIELDS.

LONDON, June 8.

The executive of the Miners' Federation discussed in London the serious situation in the coalfields. The Secretary, Mr. Hodges, stated that every district with one exception had reached the wage minimum. This combined with irregularity of employment was resulting in appalling hardships justifying the assertion that the British famine had begun.

COUNTY CRICKET.

TWO BIG SCORES.

LONDON, June 8.

Playing at Worcester, Hampshire won from the home team by an innings and 115 runs. Mead contributed 235 runs towards the victory.

Middlesex, at Gloucester, beat Gloucestershire with an innings and 163 runs to spare. For the victors Hearn scored 201.

Cambridge had a ten-wicket victory over Sussex, at Cambridge.

THE ATTACK UPON HERR SCHIEDMAN.

BERLIN, June 8.

A youth has been arrested at Cassel in connection with the attack on Herr Schiedman.

FRENCH AIR SERVICE.

PARIS, June 8.

The Minister of War to-day presented to the Cabinet Council a draft bill creating an independent air service.

GOLF CHAMPION OUTCLASSED.

LONDON, June 8.

The American Jock Hutchison last year's holder of the British Open Golf Championship was eliminated in the first round of the Gleneagles tournament.

ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

ROME, June 8.

The Chamber has approved of the Government's foreign policy by 209 votes to 57.

THE PORTUGUESE BIRDEN.

BARIA, June 8.

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Once the author brings us into touch with ghosts. It was on a visit to a promising port, English Harbour, Antigua, in the West Indies, once a base for pirates and buccanniers, and, when they vanished, for slaves and British frigates. Here was a large rambling dockyard in process of decay—

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OF MORAL JUDGEMENTS.

The bible may be disputed as a revelation of divine nature. No man can deny its authority as regards human nature. When it said "judge not", it had good reason for it.

Norman Angell has been discussing the Press as "a stimulant of much that is anti-social and mischievous." He says:

"We get this: given the conditions of competition in the industry of producing newspapers, it is both safer and more profitable to encourage the public in the falsehood with which it is familiar than to tell it the necessary but unpleasant truth that it does not like to hear. The things which it is most important for the public to know are precisely those things which it does not want to know."

The *China Mail* does not claim to be in possession of truth, pleasant or unpleasant. The newspaper which should pose as telling "unpleasant truths" might be heroic: it would certainly be a foolish bore. Our policy is to try to make our public think for itself. This necessitates occasional unpopular statements that may or may not be "truth." Their justification is sure if they provoke reflection. The public may have ideas that are true. There is no need to "encourage" these; reflection and thought can do them no harm.

For instance, the public is likely to agree without thought that protests against the Soviet confiscation of church treasures are just. It is necessary to remember that religious

organizations protesting are prejudiced. It is necessary to consider whether, in seizing gold and silver and jewels from the church to relieve famine, the Soviet officials are not being more practically Christian than the church which withholds such treasures in such a time of need. It is necessary to remember that we are all prejudiced against the Soviets to begin with, on other counts, and that our impartiality as judges is not to be relied upon. The protests may be just. All we say is that before you so decide you should think it over.

A better illustration for our purpose appeared on the second page of our Wednesday's issue, in the story of an Australian aborigine who had "murdered" a black woman. His own wife and two babies had died. He put it down, according to custom, to witchcraft, and he executed the witch. In passing sentence of death, the Judge said he would make a strong recommendation to mercy in consideration of the fact that the killing was done in accordance with tribal law. Many people will blame the judge. "Our law," they will say, "is good enough; and it would never do to encourage these homicides by leniency." They may be right. The judge may be right. It is not long since we were killing witches in the name of the church. But even this newspaper story may be wrong. The superstition that made the widower slay may have been older and older than the witchcraft one. It was once the right thing to provide one's beloved dead with company. In an old book entitled "Insanity in relation to the law" ("insanity" here being a rather false judgement) which Darwin quotes, it is recorded that a black fellow working for a West Australian magistrate told him he must do his duty by his dead wife, and kill a woman of another tribe to go with her. The magistrate warned him of the legal consequences, and for a time dissuaded the man. But the black fellow's conscience was torturing him, and he got thinner and thinner. He said he could not rest or eat, his wife's spirit so haunted him. Then he disappeared. He came back in a year, fit and happy. He had killed a woman of another tribe to pacify his dead wife, and in obedience to tribal law.

Possibly a great deal of injustice must come when one race imposes its laws and customs on another. It is not always easy to be sure of justice when applying our own laws to ourselves. Take the case of the mother of an illegitimate child who kills it. Off hand, without troubling to think, we all say it can never be right for her to do that. She is bad when she does it. But why does she do it? How does she overcome the strong instinct of maternal love? She is choosing the lesser of two evils. She is condemned for the illegitimacy of her baby, and her respect for the moral judgement of her neighbours (a moral motive!) suggests to her distracted mind the solution of not having it—by killing it. Perhaps we were wrong in the first place when we put into her head the idea that "illegitimacy" was wicked. Nature knows nothing of it. It is merely one of our "tribal customs." Among the exogenous Australian blacks it is a much more wicked thing to marry a girl of one's own tribe than to kill a girl of another. Swallows share with all other birds the strong parental instincts; but they are also subject to the migratory instinct. It frequently happens that they leave fledglings in the nest to starve, when their time comes to fly. It would be easy to suppose in the breast of the mother swallow some conflict of emotions like those in the breast of the girl who kills her baby. We do not call the swallow cruel or immoral, but we censure the girl.

There are people who will censure such misings as these as immoral. They may be right. Yet they are offered as a sort of moral sermon on the text of "Judge not," our application being that at least you should not judge without thinking—a thing most men seem to do. They even judge without sufficient evidence. President Wilson said that ideal justice is being just to those we do not want to be just to; and genuine tolerance means the will to hear even objectionable ideas, and to think them over in cold blood. If this is impossible to human nature (and it may be) so much the worse for human nature. In that case let us boast less of our moral judgements, which are so apt to be merely "tribal laws."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. "Carisale" is leaving for the North to-day.

Canton authorities have prohibited the use of codes in telegrams between Canton and places in the war zone.

Captain and Bt. Major L. A. Newham, M. C., 2nd Bn. the Middlesex Regt. assumed the duties of G. S. O. 2, Straits Settlements, on May 29, 1932.

Grand Lodge of Scotland has appointed Dr. George Duncan Ralph Black to be District Grand Master of Hongkong and South China (Scottish Constitution).

The total output of The Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 27 amounted to 70,526 tons and the sales during the period to 24,881 tons.

A Chinese woman was yesterday afternoon knocked down by motor car No. 623 in Des Voeux Road West, receiving injuries which had to be treated at the hospital.

Featuring Bebe Daniels in one of her most charming characterisations "You Never Can Tell" a lively Roast comedy, is proving very popular at the Coronet just now.

The number of cases dealt with at the Police Magistrates' Court in Hongkong last year was 17,374 compared with 15,504 in 1929. The revenue was \$149,196.73, as against \$103,132.51 in 1929. The expenditure was \$21,867.92 compared with \$45,539.94 in the previous year.

A seaman named Horace Craig was charged before Magistrate Fraser this morning with having behaved in a disorderly manner in Connaught Road Central by drawing a public house while drunk. He was also charged with having assaulted a Chinese constable who had intervened. Defendants pleaded guilty, and Magistrate Fraser fined him \$10 on 14 days on the other charge.

RENTS ORDINANCE.

YESTERDAY'S SOUNCIL DEBATE.

GOVERNOR WARREN LANDLORDS.

Yesterday the Legislative Council discussed at length the second reading of a bill renewing the Rents Ordinance of 1921, with certain amendments. The *China Mail* published a short account of the proceedings, and below the discussion is fully reported.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill, this being seconded by the Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: There is only one point. It appears to me that advantage has been taken of the definition of a domestic building to misinterpret the spirit of the Ordinance, especially as regards proviso No. 1. What happens at present, I understand, is that a tenant of a godown, workshop, or factory, has only to put in, say a dozen, or any number more than two people, and call them caretakers or watchmen, and then he is entitled to call it a domestic building. I do not think the Ordinance ever intended the term "domestic building" to apply to a building of this kind, and I think we might insert a proviso to make that impossible.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr: Sir, I should like to add my congratulations to the Government on having extended this Bill for another year, as it appears necessary for them to do. The Hon. Attorney-General, in proposing the Bill on the first reading was at pains to explain that it was not expected that it would be necessary to extend it beyond the year. It is assumed, sir, that the Government will formulate new schemes for development in the same way that corporations at Home do by laying out areas and building districts, providing easy and cheap means of access, and offering as great an inducement as possible to builders to erect houses and domestic tenements. The question seems to be one of supply and demand, and as the demand has up to the present exceeded the supply it would be interesting to have some statement from the Government on that subject.

H.E. the Governor: I think the point raised by the Hon. Mr. Bird would be better discussed in Committee when the clause comes up. With regard to the remarks made by the Hon. Mr. Parr, I should like to say that, as I made perfectly clear before this Ordinance was introduced and subsequently, this is a form of legislation which I myself regard with great distrust and dislike. The Government was forced to take action to restrain landlords but it is an offence against good economic doctrine and I shall be extremely glad when the time comes when we can dispense with such legislation. I hope it will not be necessary to continue it beyond another year. If it is necessary to do so, I must say I think we shall have probably to proceed on different lines and if anything of this nature is to become permanent I think we shall have to introduce a Fair Rents Tribunal, a thing we have shirked from doing for very obvious reasons. It seems to me from various indications that this law will not really be necessary for more than another year because a great amount of building is taking place. There is no question, at any rate regarding European houses, that it is very much easier to get a house now than it was when the Ordinance was passed. In fact reference to the advertising columns of the Press will show that several houses at present are vacant, a position very different from that in the year 1920.

As regards Mr. Parr's question as to the provision of areas for building, I think that the Colony is very well provided with such. There is a considerable amount of land available, communications are good, the terms on which land is granted are extraordinarily favourable to the tenant, and I think it now remains for those persons in the Colony who have money to invest, to proceed to invest it, without waiting for more assurances from the Government. I think the Government has done and is doing as much as any Government that I know of.

As I said, I trust that this law will cease to operate after another year, but I should like to make it perfectly clear that, although I dislike such legislation, if any attempt is made, on the occasion of the law to go back to the system of floating tenancy which existed before it was introduced I shall have no hesitation whatever in sinking my own feeling and asking the Council to re-introduce this law, or a similar law, and I further say, as a word of warning to certain landlords in this Colony, that if duly authenticated cases are brought before me in which people have been informed by their landlords that they had better agree quickly to pay a rent above the

standard rent, otherwise it will be greatly increased at the expiration of the Ordinance I should have no hesitation in keeping the law on permanently or taking any other steps for getting home on such landlords. That I mention publicly as a word of warning to certain persons in the Colony.

The second reading was then carried.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Council then went into the Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

On clause 2.

The Hon. Mr. Bird raised the question he had already mentioned. He said: My idea is that another proviso should be inserted so as to do away with this objection which, I believe, really exists as regards tenants who claim that because they have got more than two caretakers or watchmen living in their godown, therefore they are entitled to call it a domestic building. I suggest a proviso something on the lines of the following to be inserted—

Any workshop, or factory, or building, which is used or designed to be used for the storage of cargo, will not be deemed a domestic tenement.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL EXPLAINS.

H.E. the Governor: Is it not really provided for by number (ii). Any building or portion of a building which is used for habitation only by office attendants or their families?

The Attorney-General: Well, Sir, there may be, of course, *fakis* of the firm—ordinary shop *fakis*, or other *fakis*—and they may not be tenants at all. They may be salesmen or godown attendants, tally clerks, or even workers in a factory. Might I say Sir, it is quite true that the policy of the Ordinance is to protect domestic habitation. It is also perfectly true that incidentally it protects business premises of various kinds which are used both for business purpose and human habitation. The English Act recognises that and it definitely and distinctly lays down that on the question of alternative accommodation the landlord has to show alternative accommodation. The English Act, especially lays down that the Court has to take into account the suitability of the proposed new premises, not only for human habitation but for business, trading or professional purposes. It is impossible, especially in this Colony, to disentangle the two things in view of the fact that nearly all Chinese shops are used for human habitation. The difficulty of defining a godown. It is suggested by the Hon. Mr. Bird that the definition should be "any workshop, or factory or building, which is used or designed to be used for the storage of cargo," but you might get a shop used partly as a shop and partly for storage. Is that to be a godown?

The Hon. Mr. Bird: That would not be "designed as a godown."

The Attorney-General: "Used or designed to be used": I can imagine many cases where it would be difficult to say whether the building was designed as a godown or not.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: Of course, there is a real difference between a godown and a shop used as a godown.

The Attorney-General: It is quite true that in many instances it is perfectly easy to say whether a thing is A or B, white or black, or whether it is a godown or is not a godown; but there are many cases where it is impossible to draw a line. That is what makes definitions so difficult to draw up. In legislation of this kind it is impossible to avoid hardship in particular cases and impossible to devise a law which will be perfectly fair and reasonable throughout. The reason I object to the inclusion of godowns in the scope of the Bill is that I see very great difficulty in defining a godown. There is a further reason, i.e., that this is a temporary Ordinance which may come to an end at the end of another year, and it is desirable to make as few changes as possible, especially as people have regulated their contracts, so far, on the assumption that such buildings would come within the Ordinance. To make a change now would be to create uncertainty and would be undesirable.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: Do you suggest, Sir, that people occupying a godown would bring in under the existing law a domestic tenement?

The Attorney-General: Godowns used as habitations do come within the Ordinance at present. There is a case involving a considerable sum arising on that point.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: That is the case I have in view.

DOMESTIC BUILDING QUERY.

H.E. the Governor: I not quite sure what is the position. Mr. Bird is trying to meet. Is it that people, in order to avoid having the rents of godowns put up, are actually putting a number of caretakers in, in order to say it is a domestic building?

The Hon. Mr. Bird: I do say so, Sir.

H.E. the Governor: Well, in the Ordinance as it stands we already provide that any building used for habitation only by caretakers not exceeding two in number is not a domestic tenement. What would happen if we cut out the restricting clause "not exceeding two in number"?

The Attorney-General: The lessee would probably say that they were not caretakers but clerks.

H.E. the Governor: Would he not then come within the definition of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance?

The Director of Public Works: Under the Ordinance, only caretakers may be permitted in a building which is not a domestic building, but the same definition is not carried through here.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: I think the tenant could be got at by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, but that means litigation. If we can avoid that it is much better. There is a definition in the Building Ordinance of both workshop and factory and I feel sure it is not beyond the ingenuity of the Attorney-General to define a godown.

The Attorney-General: I suppose a godown gets a certificate under section 124?

The Director of Public Works: It gets a certificate under a domestic building.

The Attorney-General in reply to H.E. the Governor said he was afraid the definition proposed by Mr. Bird would not meet the case. He continued: I think it undesirable to alter the law just for a year. So far as I can remember, I only know of one case of this: there may have been others. I do not say that, in that case, the man was put in especially for the purpose of making it a domestic tenement.

H.E. the Governor: That is the suggestion of Mr. Bird. I am afraid that now attention has been called to this method it is only natural that other people should adopt the same system.

The Attorney-General: There are two views on this subject. One is that the protection given to business premises should be restricted: That is the landlord's view. The other is that the protection should be extended still further and made to apply to offices pure and simple.

The Director of Public Works remarked that if the attention of the Building Ordinance Office was called to a case in which a godown was used as a domestic tenement this would lead to a notice being served on the owner to open up so much of the building as to make it comply with the Building Ordinance. Action could be taken without any litigation.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: That would be served on the owner?

The Director of Public Works: Yes.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: How would that affect the tenant? It is the tenant you want to get at.

The Director of Public Works: I think the owner can take his remedy if an illegality is being carried out against his wishes.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: Anything that tends to keep the price of rents of godowns down is, very desirable.

H.E. the Governor: The may be so, but that is not the intention of the Bill: it is intended to deal with houses.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: That is why I made the remark. I felt sure it was the intention of the Ordinance that godowns should be classed as domestic buildings.

H.E. the Governor (to the Attorney-General): Do you see any alternative means to effect the same object?

The Attorney-General: No Sir, except, as the Director of Public Works has suggested, that action might be taken by him.

H.E. the Governor: It seems to me we are rather working at the wrong end. The landlord is at present suffering and would rather more if called upon to take action to make up for the not very straightforward device of his tenant. The point is rather difficult to decide and I would suggest that we leave it open for the moment, go on to the other clauses, and recommit the Bill to the next meeting with the view to consideration of that point. Perhaps in the meantime some satisfactory definition might be reached. There is no absolute necessity to pass the Bill now.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

BRICK SHORTAGE.

[To the Editor of the *China Mail*.]

Sir—Re your articles on the brick shortage.

The shortage is due to a strike of junk people in Canton owing to extra "likin" charged. The present charge is \$9 per junk as against \$3 previously.

The present price is \$130 per 10,000, which includes junk charge of \$30. It was formerly \$100, and the junk charge \$10 to \$20.

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The Committee passed to the consideration of the remaining clauses of the Bill.

EXCLUSION OF NEW BUILDINGS.

On clause 9 (sub clause 2) the Attorney-General moved an amendment that the words "commencement of this Ordinance" be omitted and the words "19th day of July, 1921," be substituted therefor. He explained that the clause as drafted made the Ordinance apply to new building commenced after the original Ordinance and that was not intended. The amendment excluded from the operation of the Ordinance all buildings finished last year. The amendment was approved.

PROTECTION OF SUB-TENANTS.

The Attorney-General moved that clause 15 be omitted and that a new draft clause be substituted therefor as follows: Where the interest of the lessee of a domestic tenement is determined, either as the result of an order or judgment for possession or ejectment, or for any other reason, any sub-lessee to whom the domestic tenement or any part thereof shall have been lawfully sub-let, shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, be deemed to become the tenant of the lessor on the same terms as he would have held from the lessee if the tenancy had continued.

The Attorney-General said: The object, of course, of the legislation, as I said just now, is to protect domestic occupation; to protect the occupier and the tenant in occupation. It is only reasonable to say that when the tenant ceases to be the tenant in actual occupation he should not be protected, any further, and the landlord should be allowed to re-take possession and to collect rents from the sub-tenants of the original tenant. But when one comes to put that in the form of a section it is difficult. The original section 15 of the first Ordinance passed last year was one attempt to deal with the problem, and I think it failed. The clause put in the Bill is another attempt, and I do not think that is satisfactory either. One objection is that it would make a lease for a term of years—say seven or fourteen years—expire upon the lessee ceasing to occupy any part of the tenement himself, even though there might be six, ten or thirteen years to run. That seems undesirable. If it is restricted to monthly tenancies it would leave untouched a number of cases of short leases where the landlord has the same objection to the tenant remaining in and taking the profit. Another objection is that it is not made retrospective, so that all cases where the lessee has ceased to occupy during last year would be beyond remedy. If it is made retrospective a difficulty would be found in dealing with the rent accrued and in deciding at what time the lessee determined his lease. The question also arises that if a lessee ceases to occupy for a week or a month and then resumes, does that break the tenancy or not? There are a great many ways of dealing with the problem, and the old section 15, I think, was not satisfactory and I suggest it be omitted altogether. I think it is convenient to insert a clause dealing with the position of the sub-tenant where the tenant does drop out. This new clause is based on the English section and provides that where the interests of the lessee are determined the sub-lessee becomes the direct tenant of the landlord and pays the rent to him.

It was agreed that clause 15 of the Bill be omitted and that the new clause 15 be inserted.

The Attorney-General proposed a drafting amendment in clause 17 and this was approved.

On clause 18, the Attorney-General moved an amendment in sub clause 2, which he explained was intended to preserve the right to have an action under the Ordinance transferred from the Summary Court to the Supreme Court.

The remaining clauses of the Bill were then approved.

The Council then resumed.

MARY'S MISTAKE.

THE PENALTY OF POLITENESS.

Mary Johnson, a coloured girl, was charged before Magistrate Fraser this morning with soliciting.

She denied the charge. Sergeant Hillier of No. 2 Police Station said that he was on duty in Praya East in plainclothes at 11 o'clock last night when the defendant accosted him and asked him where he was going. He replied "taking a walk." She asked "are you going home?" and he replied "I had just thought about it." She then made a certain suggestion to him. He asked her where she wanted to go, and she at first suggested a tram ride, but afterwards asked him to take her to a Japanese hotel near the Seamen's Institute. He arrested her.

The defendant said that the sergeant accosted her first and asked her where she was going. When she said that she was going home he suggested that she should take him home but she refused. He then suggested going to an "uptown hotel," and afterwards invited her to go for a motor car ride. When she refused these overtures, he suggested a tram ride. She at first refused. He was persistent and she eventually agreed, telling him that he "must go home afterwards." Perhaps he had misunderstood that sentence of hers. When the tram got to the Post Office, the Sergeant asked her to get out and walk. She said "No. If Mr. Patterson sees me it would not be right." He insisted she get out. Then he told her that he was going to take her to see Inspector Patterson.

Magistrate: Why did you speak to him?—He addressed me by name. You speak to everyone who calls you by name?—I can't be rude. I did not know he wanted to "fix me."

What were you doing in the streets at that time of night?—I was just returning from the Eastern Cinema with another girl.

What happened to the other girl?—He chased her away.

What do you do for a living?—I don't work. I live with my mother in Taihang. She keeps me. I had made two applications to the Telephone Company and was told to wait for a vacancy.

Answering further questions, the defendant admitted that she was "in the life" before but had given it up on her mother's persuasion.

A fine of \$25 or 14 days was imposed.

KINEMA NOTES.

"THE LURE OF EGYPT."

Did the spirit of Akhnaton, the Christ-like Pharaoh of Egypt who died thirty-three centuries ago, reappear on the sands of the Theban Desert? Did Gondo Koro, a desert mystic and priest, have knowledge handed down to him through hundreds of generations of Egyptians? Or did some mystic spiritual communication exist between himself and the great king? These questions, vexing ones in scientific circles to-day, are the basic moving force of the Federal Pathé feature, "The Lure of Egypt," which is the attraction at the World Theatre to-day. The story is a modern one, adapted from Norma Lorimer's novel, "There Was a King in Egypt," and deals with love and adventure, scientific research and treasure stealing in mysterious, colourful Egypt. The principal figures in this romantic story are enacted by Robert McKim, Claire Adams, Joseph J. Dowling, Carl Gantvoort and Maude Wayne.

STOLEN CLOTH.

A godown coolie formerly employed at Messrs. Reiss & Co's godown was charged before Magistrate Lindell yesterday with the theft of ten rolls of cloth which he had pawned at various pawnshops.

He admitted his guilt and said he had stolen the cloth while he was working for Reiss & Co., at \$15 per month plus lodging in the godown. He was dismissed in March this year for negligence.

Defendant was searched by Sgt. Barnett on suspicion in Kennedy Town and the pawn tickets found on him. Enquiries were made and the proprietors of Reiss and Co., identified the cloth. He said that the rolls of cloth were missed one from each of ten cases, but he had put the loss down to "shipping shortage" and made out a claim against the shipping company.

Sentence of three months' jail was passed.

La-Colonel L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., is relinquishing his appointment of General Staff Officer, Straits Settlements Command, to take up the appointment of instructor at the Staff College, Camberley. He sailed from Hongkong by the "Empress of Canada."

CARPENTERS' WAR.

SIX MONTHS FOR PARTICIPANTS.

Magistrate Fraser yesterday afternoon passed sentence of six months' jail and a fine of \$500 or in default a further term of six months' hard labour, on each of the five Chinese arrested in connection with the carpenters' affray in West Point on May 19, when a number of striking carpenters severely assaulted those who refused to support them, causing serious injuries to several.

There were three charges preferred against the accused—intimidation, assault and disorderly conduct. The case for the prosecution as outlined by Mr. R. E. A. Webster, was that his clients (two of the injured men) were assaulted by the defendants while they were at work in the Mee Cheung restaurant.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, for the defence, denied the charges, and said that it was purely a case of common assault. He proposed only to offer the defendants' evidence and would not call any outside witnesses, because, he said, "there were a number of witnesses against us and practically nobody for us."

In their evidence, all five defendants admitted that they were carpenters, and one even admitted that he was a member of the striking guild. Two of them also admitted that they carried sticks, because he suffered from "weakness in the legs," while the other said he required a heavy stick to "go up hills." All five denied that they had anything to do with the assault; they merely happened to be in the vicinity when the fight occurred.

Mr. Vaux submitted that it was quite clear that an assault took place, but there was no evidence to show that his clients took part in that assault. They could not be convicted of intimidation as the charge of intimidation and assault were one and the same thing. If anything had been proved against his clients it was only that of disorderly behaviour.

The Magistrate disagreed, and describing the thing as a "murderous assault of the worst kind," passed the sentence mentioned.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

A DIVISION.

At present in the A Division, I.R.C. are unbeaten and the only side that looks able to beat them is the C.R.C. They will win the league contest if they beat the C.R.C. and if they go down, they will probably tie for first place.

The U.S.R.C. by reason of their very close victory over the C.R.C., have just a chance of joining these two at the head. The U.S.R.C. have to meet the H.K.C.C. and if they lose there they will be quite out of it.

Civil Service, the Club de Recreio and the Japanese have so far made a poor show.

Q.C., O.R.C. and I.R.C. who have played five out of their nine matches lead with four points each.

K.C.C. who have only played four matches have been defeated once.

Civil Service and Club de Recreio are bracketed at the bottom pointless.

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K.C.C.	4	2	2	2
H.K.C.C.	3	1	2	1
M.B.E.	4	1	3	1
Club de R.	2	0	2	0
C.S.C.C.	3	0	3	0

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Mr. J. C. Benson has become a member of the Singapore Harbour Board during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. V. Gibbons.

Sir Francis Henry Mary, G.O.M.G., LL.D., D.O.L., formerly Governor of Hongkong, of Clare Priory, Clare, Suffolk, who died on February 6th in his 62nd year, son of the late Right Hon. G. A. C. May, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, left estate of the value of £29,876 (as stated in a cable received a month ago). The testator directed that his body should be cremated and the ashes buried at the top of the Castle Hill at Clare. He gives £50 each to his gardener and parlourmaid, and the residue to his wife for life with power of appointment thereafter in favour of his four daughters.

GOVERNOR'S VACATION.

THE THREE MILE LIMIT.

H. B. the Governor leaves Hongkong by the "Empress of Russia," on Thursday next at noon. At yesterday's Council meeting His Excellency drew attention to the fact that it was impossible for an Officer Administering the Government to be sworn in until he was three miles outside the Colony.

This is a feature of official appointments that is rarely mentioned although, from enquiries made, the point has often cropped up. In some cases the Executive Council has had to wait until an official had left the Colony before swearing in his successor. The rule seems to be that as long as the governor is in the Colony no officer can be appointed to administer the Government. An official when seen this morning declined to discuss what would happen if the "Empress" should be delayed around about Lyemun unknown to the Council, as being impracticable. It would however be interesting to know whether an officer sworn to administer the government under those circumstances would really be the man we take him to be.

"HALF A CHANCE."

AT KOWLOON THEATRE.

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As castaway and cultured gentleman Mahlon Hamilton is responsible for an unforgettable fine piece of characterisation, and sympathetic support comes to him from Lillian Rich who, as the daughter of the man who sentenced "Sailor" Burke to twenty years at San Quentin, makes a very appealing heroine.

WATER SUPPLY.

FURTHER CURTAILMENT PROBABLE.

In view of the shortage of water and the present dry spell it is probable that within the next few days Hongkong will find its water supply curtailed. The rider-rim system will again be called into use.

The Director of Public Works when seen this morning emphasised the need for economy in the use of water. He impressed on the enquirer that there was no need for alarm and that any measures taken would be simply precautionary. There is no doubt that a shortage exists but the main point is that with careful handling the present supply can be made to hold out for over any average period of drought. Figures show that May and June are wet months. A dry spell in one is mostly set off by heavy rains in the other. The main thing now is to prevent waste and hope that the cooling showers will soon arrive.

FOILED BY A POLICE WHISTLE.

A daylight robbery was attempted by three armed men at No. 237, Hollywood Road, in the vicinity of the Central Police Station at 3.15 p.m. yesterday. The men knocked on the door of the flat, and calling out the name of the master of the flat, led his wife to open the door. Rushing in, the men produced revolvers and held up the woman, her small son and a servant girl, the only occupants of the flat at the time. While the intruders were ransacking a cubicle, the servant girl escaped to the verandah and blew a police whistle. This had the effect of confusing the robbers, who departed hurriedly without taking anything. All three made good their escape.

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13TH HOLE EPISODE.

An action of interest to golfers was brought against the St. Augustine's Links, Ltd., Ebbesfleet, Kent, and Mr. Marcus James Chapman, lately a clerk in the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway at Richborough, by Mr. George Thomas Castle, a taxicab driver, King's Arms, King-street, Ramsgate.

A golf ball played by Mr. Chapman, it was stated, struck the windscreen of the taxicab driven by Mr. Castle along the Sandwich road, with the result that a piece of the glass struck Mr. Castle in the face and so injured one of his eyes that it had to be removed. He claimed damages for personal injuries and loss of earnings.

Sir E. Marshall Hall, K.C. for Mr. Castle, said he was informed that Mr. Chapman was now in Australia. This golf ball accident was the irony of fate. Mr. Castle was chauffeur to General Plumer all through the war and encountered every sort of danger from shells and bombs, but had never been scratched. He bought a motor-car in June 1919, by which he hoped to earn a living at Ramsgate.

On August 18, 1919, when Mr. Castle met with the accident, Mr. Chapman was playing a hole on the golf course parallel with the road. It was the thirteenth hole.

Mr. Dismal, K.C. (for the club): The unlucky number.

Sir E. Marshall Hall said that the 13th hole was a 140 yards shot. It was really an iron or mashie shot. A wooden club was not necessary.

Proceeding, counsel said that the playing of this hole had been more or less a nuisance. Balls constantly got into the road. Under a recent regulation, which really affected London, no licence to drive cabs was granted to men who had lost a limb or an eye. The county police could also adopt this regulation, and at Ramsgate Mr. Castle was unable to get a licence and his livelihood as a driver was gone.

He used his cab by paying a driver 35s. a week and a percentage of the takings.

As to the liability of the St. Augustine's Links, Ltd., Sir Edward said they had allowed a hole to be made parallel with a very much used highway. They had taken no serious precautions to avoid accident. There was no warning of any sort in the club or its precincts and no warning on the public highway.

A simple remedy should have been taken, said Sir Edward, and that was to erect a fence 6ft. or 8ft. high.

Mr. Castle, giving evidence, said that since the accident he had suffered from nervousness and headaches. Previously he never had a day's illness. "Since the accident he had had only one job and that was as an instructor of roller skating. In 1919 while driving his motor-car he earned about £7 a week in tips alone. There used to be plenty of money flying about at Richborough. "There were soldiers, clerks, and other Government officials," he added, "and they used to throw the money away like water."

The hearing was adjourned.

The health return for June 8 shows eight cases of plague (two deaths) and two of small pox (one fatal). All the patients were Chinese.

Mr. Leo Longinotto appeared before Magistrate Lindell this morning to defend a Chinese charged with having been concerned in the recent armed robberies at No. 5, Leaden-street, Wanchai, and at No. 207, Beclamat-on Street, Yau-mat, and asked for a week's remand. This was granted.

HAIR DYE SECRETS.

WOMAN TELLS JUDGE HOW TO USE HENNA.

Mrs. Marguerite Nora Eileen Macrorie, of Granville-place, Portman-square, W., sued Mr. Walter Boothby Smith, hairdresser, of Maddox-street, W. She said she had received personal injuries from an application of hair dye at Mr. Smith's premises on July 13, 1921.

It was claimed that the hairdresser knew that Mrs. Macrorie suffered from psoriasis (a chronic inflammatory disease) and that the application produced dermatitis (inflammation of the skin), making her head, said Mr. Given, her counsel, one vast blister.

For 11 years, said counsel, Mrs. Macrorie had been Mr. Smith's customer, and at various times he had dyed her hair with henna. In December 1919 she said she wanted her hair darker than henna would make it and Mr. Smith said he would use a dye which was in some degree poisonous. He applied it again in the early part of 1920, and she had it again treated in October, November, and December. While abroad in 1921 she had a bad attack of psoriasis on the head. Mr. Smith, on her return, said it would be safe to apply dye, and he would apply only a small quantity to begin with.

In the witness box Mrs. Macrorie stated that when she tried to brush her hair water streamed down from the blisters; they called it weeping. She had to wear her hair in oil and when she went out wore a rubber cap under her hat. The trouble went all over her body, beginning with her ears, and some of her finger-nails turned black and came off.

Mr. W. Shakerpeare, cross-examining for Mr. Smith: You won't think me rude, but your hair has changed colour several times? First it was an ashy blonde, then it went golden, then it became auburn—it is a mixture of colours. I let it alone now.—(Laughter).

Mr. Justice Bovell: Is it its natural colour now?—Parts of it. (Laughter).

Mrs. Macrorie said she had no hair-dressing treatment in Guatemala in 1921.

Mr. Justice Bovell: Don't they dye hair in Central America?

Mrs. Macrorie said there were no hair-dressers there.

Mr. Justice Bovell: How do you apply henna?

Mrs. Macrorie: It comes up in a double saucepan, with boiling water beneath, and is applied hot with a spoon.

Do you mean you pour it on the head like a gravy?—Oh, no, my lord; it is a paste; it is pasted on the head with a spoon.

The hearing was adjourned.

GERMAN SHIPPING AND AUSTRALIA.

With the advent of German competition for Australia's overseas carriage, it is almost certain that a freight war will be waged. In shipping circles the position is giving rise to considerable conjecture as to the possibilities. While widely divergent views are held on many points, opinion is almost unanimous that sentiment will carry little weight in business, and that shippers will be largely influenced by the inducements offered. It is now common knowledge that the German Australia line, better known as the "Black German," purpose despatching its first vessel from Hamburg about the middle of June, so as to allow of its arrival at an Australian port in August by which time the restrictions will have been lifted. German ship owners, no doubt, will endeavour to regain their lost business by every means in their power. Overseas shipping companies at present trading with Australia emphatically declare their inability to reduce freights, and the developments will be awaited with much interest.

CHINA AS SHIPBUILDER.

Mr. B. B. Mancham, manager of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works at Shanghai, arrived at Liverpool by the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain." In an interview he stated that British working men should go out to China and see the way the Chinese do a job, where there is a complete understanding between capital and labour. "We have just built the four largest vessels ever built in a Chinese shipbuilding yard," said Mr. Mancham. "They were of 14,750 tons displacement, and built for the United States Shipping Board, costing the United States 195 gold dollars per dead-weight ton, and have been sold to Messrs. Robt. Dollar and Co., of Canada, at \$5 10s. per ton, making a loss of 125 gold dollars per ton."

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DEATH SENTENCE ON A YOUTH.

LADY WHITE MURDER.

The jury at the Old Bailey found Henry Jacoby, 18, pantry boy at the Spencer Hotel, Portman-street, W., guilty of the murder of Lady White, widow of a former chairman of the London County Council, at the hotel early on March 14. In view of his youth and the fact that they did not believe he went into her bedroom intending to kill, they strongly recommended him to mercy.

Mr. Justice MacCardie, who said he agreed with the verdict, passed sentence of death, and said he would send the jury's recommendation to the Home Secretary at once.

Mr. Lucien Flor (for the defence), asking for the exclusion from the evidence of statements made by Jacoby to the police, said that the fact that Jacoby was surrounded with police "pumping him" on the subject for several hours was enough to exclude the matter.

"I submit," said Mr. Flor, "it was a true example of what is known in the United States as the 'third degree'."

Mr. Justice MacCardie: What do you mean?—As I understand it, it means that before the person is charged he is subjected to a severe cross-examination amounting to torture to extract a confession from him.

Mr. Justice MacCardie said he would exclude that part of the statement referring to a confession of an earlier crime, and also the part in which Jacoby was telling untruths in respect of his earlier history and which had no bearing on the case.

Inspector Cornish was cross-examined by Mr. Flor in regard to the taking of the statement from Jacoby. He denied that he told Jacoby that it would be better for him to make a statement. The statements were taken in the ordinary way, and if anything was not clear Jacoby was asked questions in order to make it clear.

Mr. Justice MacCardie said he would admit the statement made on March 19, and it was read. In this Jacoby described how he went to Lady White's room to steal the money. She woke up, gave a shriek, and he struck her two blows with a workman's hammer which he had taken.

JACOBY'S STORY.

Jacoby was called, and said that on March 13 he felt queer all day long. He had been afraid of the dark since he was very young. He got up at 12.30 a.m. He heard the murmur of voices like two men speaking together. He told the night porter, and they searched the basement. They could find nothing. Returning to his room, he thought he heard the voices again. He decided to have another look round.

Mr. Flor: Had you any intention then of stealing any money or doing anyone any harm?—No.

Had you any intention of murdering Lady White?—No.

"I armed myself with a hammer," he said, "and went upstairs where the voices seemed to come. Lady White's door was partly open, and I thought the sound came from inside. I rushed in, saw a form and hit out. I thought it was the person I had heard murmuring."

Mr. Flor: Did you strike with the intention of killing anybody?—No.

Jacoby added that after hitting out he flashed his torch-lamp and saw a woman in the bed. Terrified, he ran downstairs. When the police questioned him next day he was so frightened that he started saying all sorts of things.

Mr. Flor: Were you so horrified that you didn't know what to do?—Yes.

NIGHT CLUB SCENES.

POLICE DESCRIPTION OF DANCE EPISODE.

Allegations of indecent behaviour on the part of frequenters of a West End night club were made at the Marlborough-street Police Court when Ernest Bosworth Barron, described as the occupier of Brett's Dancing Hall, Charing Cross-road, W.C., was summoned for allowing unlicensed public dancing.

"These premises," said Mr. Dimes (for the prosecution), "are frequented by women of loose character, and there are scenes of drunkenness and disorder in the premises, and some evidence that they are used by drug-takers. There will be evidence of at least one incident of indecency which one would have thought incredible in any public or private dancing hall at the present day."

Police-Constable Hanks said that he attended the hall. On one occasion quite a number of women present were known to him as immoral. He had seen women in a drugged condition. Each time he went he took tickets for himself and his woman friend at the ticket office. On one visit he counted 30 men drunk. There was some disorder, but no attempt was made to restore order.

He said that one man who was drunk pulled down the shoulder straps of his woman companion's evening dress and left her exposed. Other of the woman's clothing was taken off. The woman did not seem embarrassed. She just laughed and readjusted her clothing.

Cross-examined by Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C. (for the defence), he said he did not know the club was in the hands of a receiver, appointed by the Chancery Court. He had never filled up any form. He had seen some of the women soliciting inside Brett's Club, and the women were there for that purpose. He could not give the names and addresses of the women.

WOMAN'S TWITCHING JAWS.

Sir Henry (questioning him regarding a woman he said he saw drugged): Where was she?—Sitting down.

Did she dance?—I don't know.

How long were you watching her?—About five minutes.

What became of her?—I don't know.

How did you know she was drugged?—She showed some of the symptoms. Her jaws were twitching. Sometimes she went off into a dazed condition.

All in five minutes?—Yes.

Constable Hanks said that on one visit there were more than 90 at the hall, and when the hall was thus full the act of indecency he mentioned took place. The couple were dancing but stopped.

Sir Henry: Do you really tell the magistrate that in the middle of this hall this woman was disrobed by the man with the dancing going on?—Yes, sir.

Did the dancing stop?—No.

Constable Hanks added that the man was drunk.

Sir Henry: But it is not difficult with some of the modern dancing to know whether the man is drunk or not?—Not in this case.

Re-examined on the question of the woman who he said was drugged, he said that she said to her friend, "Get me some heroin, it is so good for me."

Police-constable Hawkyard said that he visited the hall. The dancing was of a suggestive character. On one occasion he noticed a man and a woman sitting on a settee behaving in an unseemly manner. One evening he saw a man pick up a chair with a girl in it and try to dance round in that fashion.

Cross-examined by Sir Henry, he agreed that all people did not always dance in the same style.

The Magistrate: There is more scope for individuality in modern dances than in Sir Henry's days.

Sir Henry: They are not nice quiet dances like waltzes and so on?—I don't know.

Sir Henry: But you are an expert. You have been picked out from your division. These modern dances are very fantastic are they not?—Yes, they are.

The case was adjourned for a week.

A WIRELESS MATCHBOX.

Wireless telegraphy amateurs ingeniously protect space. Two new inventions recorded in the United States are a wireless receiver you can wear on the finger as a ring, using an ordinary umbrella as the aerial; and a complete receiving station compressed into a match-box.

A new language has arisen, too, in the radio world. "Jazz hounds" and "canaries" are everyday terms applying to amateurs who disturb the ether in their enthusiasm. It was agreed at the recent Washington

PICCADILLY MYSTERY.

MANAGERESS OF "BLUE BIRD" FOUND DEAD.

Mystery surrounds the death of Miss Kathleen Norman, an attractive woman of 33, whose fully clothed body was found in the kitchen of the Blue Bird Tea-rooms, 9, Albany Court-yard, Piccadilly, W., of which she was manageress.

Two bottles, one a stout bottle, and a tumbler were found by her side on a bench in the kitchen. The bottles and the glass have been removed by the police for examination. Miss Norman was wearing a black fur coat and a small brown hat. She had been employed as manageress of the tea-rooms for nearly a year. Two months ago she went into a West End hospital for an abdominal operation, and then went to Brighton to recuperate, after which she resumed her duties.

The Blue Bird Tea-rooms are owned by Captain Richard Frederick Laco Lambert, D.S.O., who lives with his aunt at 30, Milner-street, Cadogan-square, Chelsea, S.W.

Captain Lambert first met Miss Norman in America, where she had achieved some success as a soprano singer, more than a year ago.

On her return from Brighton she took rooms at 23, Stanley-street, Notting Hill, W., and all her personal luggage is at present there.

The discovery of the body was made by Miss Jessie Porter, a waitress. Shortly before 9 o'clock, Miss Porter, who usually opens the tea-rooms, let herself into the place with her key and went upstairs to prepare for the day's work.

On opening the kitchen door she saw two legs protruding from beneath the table. She rushed into Piccadilly and called a constable, who immediately notified a police surgeon. Death had apparently taken place at least 12 hours before the body was found.

The body was subsequently removed to the mortuary, where a post-mortem was held.

Miss Norman, it is stated, was very despondent the whole of Thursday. She was a well-built woman, of medium height with dark hair and large, dark eyes.

The Blue Bird Tea-rooms occupy an upper floor of 48, Piccadilly, but the entrance to the tea-rooms is in Albany Court-yard.

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GIRL AND COCAINE.

"IF MY DADDIE COULD SEE ME NOW."

The story of an alleged girl victim of cocaine who was arrested when sniffing a white powder and who laughed hysterically, was told at Marlborough-street Police Court, W., when Molly Gibbons, 21, domestic servant, York-road, S.E., was charged with being in unauthorised possession of cocaine.

"I am innocent of this charge," she said with passionate emphasis, and she bowed her head and sobbed when a policeman repeated the girl's words to him amid tears when he arrested her, "If my daddie could see me now it would break his heart."

Police-Constable William Pearce said he saw Gibbons and a woman meet in Girard-street, W., about 11 p.m. on Sunday. "Something passed between them," he said, "but I could not see whether Gibbons was giving or receiving it." Later, when Gibbons was in a doorway at the corner of Lean-street and Shaftesbury-avenue, W., the officer saw her glancing at a small white opened packet in her left hand. "In her right hand," he said, "was some white powder, which she sniffed and then laughed."

When he told her who he was and asked her what she was doing, the girl laughed hysterically and said, "Here, take the lot. I'll go quietly." She put two packets into his hand. At the police station she said, "I am not selling it."

Mr. d'Eyncourt (the magistrate): Was she under the influence of this stuff?—I think so, sir.

Dr. Rose, divisional police surgeon, said one of the packets contained four grains of pure cocaine hydrochlorate, and apparently the second packet also contained cocaine.

Gibbons (interposing): It does not belong to me. It was not found on me. I am innocent of this charge.

The girl was remanded.

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FILM MURDER.

THEORY OF REVENGE BY DRUG FIENDS.

After three weeks' investigation, a definite clue to the cinema murder mystery has been obtained. Arrested at Detroit on a charge of forgery, Harry Field, known to the Los Angeles underworld as "Harry the Chink," told the police that Mr. Desmond Taylor, or Deane-Tanner, the film director, was murdered by a Chinaman, the head of a group of Los Angeles drug sellers.

Field says he drove the Chinaman and two women to Taylor's house. The former, taking a peep-handled pistol from one of the women, entered the house and shot Taylor. Field then drove the trio to an opium den in Los Angeles and left them. He says he was given £250 for the use of his car, and changed the banknote at a Los Angeles bank the same night. Inquiries among the banks doing business at night confirmed the statement.

A year ago Taylor went to Mr. Thomas Green, the Assistant Public Prosecutor, and asked that action should be taken to wipe out a group of drug sellers who were corrupting large numbers of cinema artists.

"He told me in particular of one woman," said Mr. Green, "with whom I presumed he was in love. She had become a confirmed drug taker. He wished to rescue her from the clutches of the drug fiends. He told me she was in the first rank of cinema actresses."

The drug gang, says Mr. Green, was broken up following on Taylor's intervention. The murder might well, therefore, be an act of revenge.

STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

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 Manila—Holt's Wharf.
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 Wharf.
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 Mauritius, Haiphong—Off Stone-
 center.
 Armand Behie, (M. M. Cie) from
 Marseilles, Haiphong—A2.
 Ban Yek, (Yue Cheong) from
 Haiphong—Yamshai.
 Tjilboet, (J.C.J.L.) from Batavia,
 Manila—A3.
 Grande Gard, (Shevan Toms) from
 New York, Shanghai—Off Stonecenter.
 Fukai Maru, (T.K.K.) from
 Saigon—Off Stonecenter.
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 Bangkok, Swatow—C40.

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 Taiho Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Shanghai.
 June 9.
 Mike Maru, (Lapique) for Parcelval.
 June 9.
 Peotung, (B. & S.) for Canton—
 June 9.
 Olderk, (J.C.J.L.) for Delay,
 Shanghai—June 9.
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